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In re Application of: )  
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Mario MARTINELLI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2874  
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Application No.: 09/883,241 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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Filed: June 19, 2001 )  
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For: PASSIVE POLARIZATION )  
STABILIZER )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

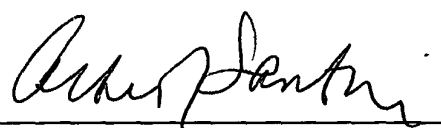
**SECOND STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on June 19, 2001. Applicants filed a first Status Inquiry on December 18, 2002. The Patent Office responded on December 23, 2002, advising Applicants that the above-identified case would be examined at least three months from the Patent Office's notification. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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